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Re: Nomination for Cecelia Schumake  
5 pages attached

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# Los Angeles County Commission for Women

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## NOMINATION APPLICATION 29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

The nomination application is to include a biography of the nominee. Copies of this form can be downloaded from the Commission's website at <http://laccw.lacounty.gov>

### NOMINEE INFORMATION:

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### CRITERIA

Nominees must have worked on behalf of women's issues; made significant contributions to women's equality issues, and served as a role model for women. Previous members of the Commission may be nominated for their current professions and other activities relating to advocacy for women. Previous recipients are not eligible for this award. (See list at: <http://laccw.lacounty.gov>)

Applications for nominations within these categories may be received from the community and Commissioners. If applying in more than one category, a separate application is required.

NOMINATION CATEGORY (to be considered, choose only one appropriate choice)

Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Health <input type="checkbox"/>	The Arts / Media <input type="checkbox"/>	Business / Labor <input type="checkbox"/>	Law / Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/>
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NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY: **DECEMBER 20, 2013**

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**LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN  
NOMINATION FOR CECILIA SCHUMAKE**

**1. My nominee has worked on behalf of women's issues by:**

In the current position of Program Coordinator for the CalWorks/Gain program at West Los Angeles College whose service population is predominately female Ms. Schumake serves as an advocate for participants on a daily basis. The program serves a demographic whose needs vary from childcare, employment, but centered in the goal of educational attainment. Ms. Schumake has worked in this capacity for more than five years. During this time she has grown the number of participants served by the program.

**2. My nominee has made significant contributions to women's equity issues by:**

In group and individual assessment and advisement sessions, Ms. Schumake stressing the importance of access to program services, referrals available for additional services and equity as they pursue educational services that lead to employment, transfer to four-year institutions or as simple as basic skills needed for participants and their children. Fairness that is synonymous with equity is the treatment that portrayed by Ms. Schumake, is discusses in sessions with participants and during staff workshops so that all are treated fairly, understand the concept of standardizing the expectation of equity and how to self-advocate. This work is carried out daily, one-on-one, in group settings and is part of the casework conducted.

**3. My nominee has served as a role model for women by:**

Ms. Schumake has a strong presence in her church, First African Methodist Episcopal (FAME), including her work as an usher and a member of the choir. She also has been a parent volunteer for Boy Scouts of America and an avid supporter of the Los Angeles Unified School District working at elementary, middle and high schools and a volunteer and serving as an officer at the Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES), Parent's Advisory Council and Friends of LACES. Once again, in areas where there is a strong presence of women she assumes roles and responsibilities to serve and reflect the strength of women.

**4. How has your nominee demonstrated an attitude of empowerment, positively influenced and helped women to forge ahead:**

While working with CalWorks participants, students and volunteer roles, she is an example of empowerment. Ms. Schumake lost her husband and has raised their only

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son, in addition to parenting her nephews due to illnesses of their parents that prohibited them from being full-time parents. She also serves the role as matriarch in her family for an aunt and grandmother without wavering. Her willingness to mother, take care of and advocate for others as a female reflects in her day to day routine and those of us around her can only admire the positive attitude she reflects, the empowerment she gives to others and at the same time setting an example of setting educational goals and obtaining them. She chose to go back to school and obtain her bachelor's degree for self-empowerment, partly so that others that come into contact with her daily can reflect on her success as a single working mother who attained a degree.

**Reason(s) for Nomination, additional comments or more specifics:**

I interact with Ms. Schumake on a daily basis and observe the manner in which she supports the lives of women in the CalWorks/Gain program, her co-workers and other areas of the college. She is often called on at the Los Angeles Community College District level for her expertise and has conducted numerous workshops and the local and state level.

I have known Ms. Schumake for more than fifteen years. We first met at the Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies, volunteering by providing additional educational resources for the students at the school, which included support for instruction in the classrooms, the clubs and parents. She has many years working in the airline industry as a trainer and supervising customer service areas. I learned soon about her passion to serve and help and when an opportunity became available at West Los Angeles College with the CalWorks/Gain program I knew that she would be the perfect fit and I was right. The program is successful because of her positive attitude, her devotion to empowering the participants and her dedication to provide an educational and career path for participants in the program. She is a resource to the program and the college, a collaborator across all areas of the college and extends herself to ensure that the program participants stay on task and are successful as they pursue prescribed and desired educational path.

The caption "Educating, Motivating and Inspiring Women" should be the tag line for the role that she plays daily both personally and professionally. During her tenure with the CalWorks program the numbers served has grown over the last five years from the 90s to approximately 500 because of her dedication to others.

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## Women of the Year Awards Scholarship Luncheon

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### PROCESS OF SELECTION

The Women of the Year Awards recognizes up to ten (10) women who are outstanding role models for over 4 million women in the County of Los Angeles. District Awardees are selected by each Los Angeles County Supervisor and Community At-Large Awardees are selected by the Commission for Women in the following five categories: **Education, Health, Media/Arts, Business/Labor, Law/Public Safety**. All nominees will be rated on a scale of 1-4 for each of the following areas below. The highest overall score will receive the award nomination.

NOMINEE Cecelia Schumake CATEGORY Education

**Please describe your Nominees participation in the following areas in relation to the category chosen:**

1. My nominee has worked on behalf of women's issues by:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. My nominee has made significant contributions to women's equality issues by:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. My nominee has served as a role model for women by:

*See attached 2 Pages*

4. How has your nominee demonstrated an attitude of empowerment, positively influenced and helped women to forge ahead:

**Reason(s) for Nomination, additional comments or more specifics:**

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